

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
January 3, 2007**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia
Tara Castille

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rod Cates	JoAnn Sczech	Stephanie Kraly	Malcolm Bramlett	Carolyn Cockerell
Jerry Harris	Jana Moreno	Tom Rigsby	Doug Hodel	Mary Perkins
Monica Shannon				

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Yogi Christesson	Mary Ann Martin	Kevin Riney	Victor Sotelo
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SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Santee – City, Legal Dept.	Priscilla Rayford – Water Dept
Jon James – City, Planning & Development	Mike Wegner – Solid Waste

WELCOME GUESTS

Raymond Grothaus	Sheila Kitts	Debra Lehr	Shelly Neilson
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Item I: Call to Order. Martin Garcia called the meeting to order.

Item II: Approval of minutes. *Mary Beth Kilgore made the motion to accept the minutes. Rod Cates seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.*

Item III. Treasurer’s Report – Tara Castille gave the treasurer’s report in Yogi Christesson’s absence:

As of December 2006

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
General Oper Acct		
49,426.41	(2,844.21)	\$0.00
Crape Myrtle Account		
\$5,549.15	(\$0.00)	\$0.00

Stephanie Kraly made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as written. Jerry Harris seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Item IV: Action Items

A. Discussion and Possible Approval for Awards & Presentation: Lesli Andrews reported the costs for the meals and awards last year totaled \$600.00. She stated if the price of the awards does go up that she will come back to the board for approval on the difference. After discussion on the date for the award presentations, the board attentively agreed on May 3, 2007, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Enrique’s Restaurant. May 17th would be the alternative date. Malcolm Bramlett challenged the board to submit recommendations for awards. Lesli will have the award forms at the February meeting.

Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to maintain \$600.00 for awards and presentations. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Item V. Non-Action Items:

A. Ideas for spring activities – Lesli stated some of the activities coming up were “Don’t mess with Texas Trash Off” the second week in April. Spring Clean and the Dyess Air Show are in the spring. Earth Day is April 22nd and “Buy Recycle”. Lesli asked that anyone with ideas for projects to please let her know.

B. Litter Prevention and Beautification Downtown- Carolyn Cockerell stated that after City Sidewalks there was a lot of litter downtown. She asked about having more trash receptacles be placed events downtown or set permanently. She suggested maybe businesses could have hanging baskets in front of their buildings. Mike Wegner stated that permanent receptacles could be placed at a cost of \$350.00 that works with their lift equipment. He stated in the past however, that business owners were not receptive to that idea. Lesli Andrews stated that Solid Waste or Public Works could also be notified in advance of an event so crews could be scheduled to work the day after for trash pickup. Lesli stated trash receptacles and hanging baskets downtown would need to be approved by the Downtown Association which could be made an action item for the Board in the future.

C. Report from Adopt-A-Highway – Mary Beth Kilgore – No Report.

D. Report from Taylor Extension Office – Melissa Clifton – No Report.

E. Report from AISD – Ledessa White – No Report. Martin did state the next meeting would be in February.

F. Report from WISD – Nick Pruitt – No Report.

G. Report from Solid Waste Services/Environmental Recycle Center – Mike Wegner stated that Solid Waste could partner with Keep Abilene Beautiful for Earth Day.

H. Report from WCTCOG – Wendy Stovall reported that four grants had been applied for. One and two are from EPA for Brownfield characterization 1-Hazardous materials and 2-Oil products for the 19-county region WCTCOG serves. The 3rd application to EPA is for revolving loan fund to assist developers and communities in cleanup of brownfields. The 4th application went to USDA for a regional illegal dumping enforcement liaison for assistance to communities regarding enforcement of codes, illegal dumping issues, etc.

I. Sign up for Bingo – Martin Garcia stated that January, February and March slots for Bingo had been filled.

J. Coordinator's Report – Lesli Andrews – No Report.

Jon James reported that the Keep Abilene Beautiful position had been split away from the Community Enhancement Division Manager position so that the Coordinator would be focusing only on Keep Abilene Beautiful. The position will be full time. Interviews will begin next week for that position. He stated a representative from the board will be asked to sit in on interviews.

Item VII. Next Meeting – February 7, 2007, Noon, Enrique's Restaurant, 4358 Sayles.

Item VIII. Adjournment – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.